

# **ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**RSA Plaza Suite 350  
Montgomery, Alabama**

**March 20, 2020**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER EMERGENCY MEETING**

#### **A. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on Friday, March 20, 2020.

The following members were present: Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA, President called in at 9:55 a.m.; Valorie Dearmon, RN, DNP, NEA-BC, Vice-President called in at 9:56 a.m.; Victoria Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary called in at 9:57 a.m.; Cara Floyd, LPN called in at 9:57 a.m.; Martha Houston, Consumer called in at 10:00 a.m.; Gabriel Sapalaran, BSN, RN called in at 9:58 a.m.; Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, FAANP called in at 9:57 a.m.; Gladys Hill, MSN, RN called in at 9:57 a.m.; Cynthia Buford, LPN called in at 10:00 a.m.; Louise O'Keefe, PhD, CRNP, CNE called in at 10:03 a.m. and Executive Officer, Peggy Benson. ABN Board Members absent during teleconference call were Peggie Carpenter, BA, LPN; Janice Seip, CRNA; and Cherry Rodgers, LPN.

Staff members attending the teleconference were: Honor Ingels, Chief Policy Officer/Chief Communications Officer, Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel, Brad Jones, IT Director, and Tonya Smith, Executive Secretary/Recorder.

#### **B. Declaration of Quorum**

A quorum was declared, with nine Board Members present, for the teleconference on March 20, 2020.

#### **C. Oath of Office (GS)**

On March 20, 2020, Ms. Benson led Mr. Gabriel Sapalaran in the Oath of Office. A written "Oath of Office" was provided to him for signature.

**D. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act and \  
Compliance with the Governors March 18<sup>th</sup> Proclamation in  
response to COVID-19**

**E. Review of Emergency Agenda**

**1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering**

**On March 20, 2020, Dr. Baker moved, by teleconference, that the Board adopt the Emergency Consent Agenda. Ms. Gladys Hill seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Cara Floyd, Martha Houston, Gabriel Sapalaran, Ms. Cynthia Buford, Ms. Louise O'Keefe, Dr. Valorie Dearmon and Ms. Victoria Hill approving.**

**II. EO Update, Board responses to COVID 19**

Ms. Benson discussed the Board's response, including reduced staffing and communication, to COVID-19. The EO stated that Tennessee and Florida have implemented independent practice for APRNs and that she will develop an graduated independent practice draft bill for submission to key legislators and the Governor's office for future reference, should the healthcare crisis deepen.

**III. Emergency Rules**

**A. APPROVE 610-X-4- .19 ER Temporary Provisions related to Outbreak of COVID-19**

Mr. Ingels presented proposed Emergency Rule 610-X-4-.19ER - Temporary Provisions Related to Outbreak of COVID-19. Upon review, Dr. Dearmon proposed an amendment to prohibit delegation of any task requiring a standardized procedure.

**On March 20, 2020, Dr. Dearmon by teleconference moved that the Board approve the 610-X-4-.19ER - Temporary Provisions Related to Outbreak of COVID-19, as amended. Ms. Floyd seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Victoria Hill, Ms. Louise O'Keefe, Ms. Cynthia Buford, Ms. Gladys Hill, Dr. Baker, Mr. Gabriel Sapalaran and Ms. Martha Houston approving.**

**IV. Next Meeting April 7, 2020 at 0830 RSA Plaza Suite 350**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA  
President

Victoria Hill, MSN, RN  
Secretary

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya Smith Recorder 03/20